

Ponsonby Primary School

Te Kura o te Rimu Tahī

Kia Ora Parents and Whānau,

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful long weekend!

It was fantastic to start the week with the Year 5 Carnival. The creativity and innovation our students showed with their stalls was simply outstanding. Each year, the event gets better and better! A big thank you to Mrs. Vollmer and Mr. Bergin for organising another incredible carnival. All the money raised goes towards subsidising the Education Outside of Classroom for our Year 5 students.

Reminders and Updates:

School Wonder-thon: Thank you to everyone who supported our Wonder-thon test on Friday. Please keep sending in your money and sponsorship forms—everyone has a chance to win a spot prize!

Colour Run Carnival Fundraiser: With our Colour Run Carnival coming up, our wonderful classroom liaisons have shared a link to your class stall. If you're able to donate some time to help out on the day, it would be greatly appreciated.
School Pool Opening: We're looking forward to opening the school pool in the next couple of weeks!

2025 New Entrants: If you have siblings starting with us next year and haven't yet enrolled, please do so as soon as possible. Our Year 1 numbers are close to capacity for 2025. Next year, we'll begin with four Year 1 classes, three Year 2 classes, and two classes each for Years 3, 4, 5, and 6.

Athletics Day: Next Wednesday, our Year 3-6 students will participate in Athletics Day at the Takapuna Athletics Ground. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help!

Yesterday, our basketball teams participated in the Auckland Basketball Zones and Skills Day. It was a fantastic turnout, especially for children new to the sport, giving them the opportunity to explore and try something different. Well done to all of the children that competed yesterday and thank you to the parents that went along to Coach & Manage the teams.

Best of luck to all of our students playing summer sports this weekend as we kick off the summer season!

Have a wonderful weekend ahead!

Ngā mihi
Sanjay Rama

TERM 4 DATES

14 Oct - 18 Dec

REMINDERS FOR TERM 4

- **Wide brimmed hats are compulsory in term 4**
- **Year 3-6 ATHLETICS DAY**
Wednesday the 6th of Nov
9am-3pm
at **Onewa Domain**
- **Year 0-2 KAKARIKI ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**
Friday the 15th of Nov
9am-10:30am
at **Ponsonby Primary**
- **COLOUR RUN**
Saturday the 23rd Nov
11:30am-3pm
- **THREE WAY LEARNING CONVERSATIONS**
25th & 26th of Nov

Room of The week Room 18



We have had a very busy week in Room 18. We started the week with Science in a Van, followed by the Year 5 Carnival. We have also been getting ready for our Celebration of Spring, growing sunflower seeds and doing some beautiful Spring art!

Follow our instagram @ponsonbyprimary

Room of The week Room 18



We even had time to make a fantastic Dinosaur World!



Visit our website at www.ponsprim.school.nz



Term 3 Week 3 **Places in our kura**

Check out the pronunciation on [Te Aka -The Māori Dictionary](#)



papa tākaro - (pa pa tā ka ro) - playground

whīra - (whī ra) - field

akomanga - (a ko ma nga) - classroom

tari - (ta ri) - office

whare pukapuka - (wha re pu ka pu ka) - library

Here is a sentence to try:

Haere ki te _____ Go to the _____

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Kia Ora Parents and Whānau,

On Saturday the 23rd of November (saver date Sunday the 24th of November) we will be running a Colour Run Carnival fundraiser at our school from 11:30 - 3:00 pm. This event will replace our Guy Fawkes fundraiser this year due to the work being completed at Pt Erin Park. There will be many exciting carnival stalls on offer on the day including delicious food, our annual jolly jars, amazing raffles, clothing stalls and of course the Colour Run.

Entry into this event is free, however if you would like to take part in the Colour Run there is a registration fee. Registrations can still be purchased via Kindo or at our school office. (Please note that any registrations purchased from now up until the event will not include a Colour Run t-shirt).

THIS EVENT IS STRICTLY ALCOHOL FREE & IS A CASH ONLY EVENT. There will be 2 eftpos machines at the event where you can get cash out, however we strongly recommend bringing cash for all of the stalls.

How can you help? Before the event

Classroom Stalls - Sign Up

This event is one of our biggest school fundraisers for the year. Every year, each classroom is allocated a stall to run on the evening. Over the next couple of days you will receive an email/Whatsapp message from your child's classroom parent liaison inviting you to sign up through a roster system. There will be a selection of 1 hour shifts available to opt into. If you are able to give up an hour of your time on the day to help at your classroom stall it would be much appreciated.

Jolly Jars

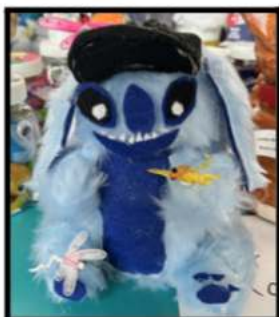
A child favourite! For those new to our school this year, your child will be given an eco-friendly (recycled plastic) jar to bring home. Alternatively you can use your own jar from home. The aim is to decorate the jar and fill it with treats. We call this a "Jolly Jar" Your child then brings their Jolly Jar back into school and hands it over to their classroom teacher. These Jolly Jars are a little treat that a child can purchase with their own pocket money at the event. The best judged Jolly Jar from each syndicate will be recognised at school. A great project to complete over the long weekend coming up.

Jolly Jar Specifications

Students can decorate inside and/or outside the jar. Make it eye-catching! However, the rule again this year is that the decorated jar is not to be any larger than approx. 20cm tall or 15cm wide/deep (any jars larger than this will not be judged.) The best jolly jar from each syndicate wins a pizza lunch for the creator & 3 friends!

All Jolly Jars need to be returned to your child's classroom teacher by Monday 18th November to be in to win!

Here are some example Jolly Jar ideas below



Here are some Jolly Jar ideas:

Candy/lollies, marbles, water balloons, hair clips/hair ties, lego, crayons/pencils, collectable cards, kids craft bits & bobs, matchbox cards, card games

Sweets & Treats for the Colour Run Carnival



The sweets and treats stand is very popular with kids and adults alike and we'd love your help in providing some delicious products to sell. We have cake boxes and cellophane bags available to collect in your child's classroom and/or the school office.

We are so appreciative of any and all donated sweet delicacies but from previous years experience the following are top sellers...

- Items that are easy to pick up and eat - brownies, cupcakes, individually portioned slices or the ever popular cookies!
- Bags of fudge or caramels (we have supplied some cellophane bags that will be in classrooms or the office for this purpose).
- Toffee apples. These are incredibly popular and always sell out within the first hour.
- Items suitable for adults that are easily handled - mini cheesecakes, slices, cupcakes etc.
- All those yummy things that kids and adults with a sweet tooth can't resist.
- Bought items are of course acceptable!

We are also after any cake stands or displays that we could use for the night. If you have anything suitable please send them along with your baking (named clearly so we can return them to you).

Please deliver your baking in a supplied cake box/cellophane bag or a container that is not precious, to the school office on the morning of Friday (22nd Nov) or alternately you can bring goodies directly to the Sweets & Treats Stall before 10:00 am on the day of the event.

Children's Market Stall

Do you have any **GOOD QUALITY, NEAR NEW** children's clothes, toys, games, dress-ups, etc that are no longer needed? If so we would love them for our Children's Market Stall. The children and parents really love this stall and are always on the lookout for a bargain. Please drop these items to the school office from today onwards.

Before & After the event

Any help with setting up and packing down on the day of the event is always really appreciated. Please contact Morgan Jurisich, mjurisich@ponsprim.school.nz if you can help in any way.

Colour Run Important Information

To ensure everyone has a fun and safe Colour Run experience, we will be staggering the start times for all participants based on year groups. Siblings and family members are of course welcome to run together! Please see the schedule below.

Colour Run - Running Schedule

Year 6: 1:00 pm - 1:10 pm

Year 5: 1:10 pm - 1:20 pm

Year 4: 1:20 pm - 1:30 pm

Year 3: 1:30 pm - 1:40 pm

Year 2: 1:40 pm - 1:50 pm

Year 0/1: 1:50 pm - 2:00 pm

What should we bring for the run?

Firstly, if you bought your tickets in time don't forget to wear your official Ponsonby Primary Colour Run Carnival T-Shirt! The shirts will be brought home by your child/children when they arrive from our supplier in the days leading up to the event.

If you make the most of your colour run experience then it should be pretty messy business, so we would also recommend bringing along a change of clothes for once you've finished your run.

Shoes are optional but also recommended as part of the colour run course will take you off school grounds.

Finally, we are going to be giving out prizes for the **best dressed**;

- Child
- Adult
- Family

So make sure you come dressed in your wackiest, wildest, most colourful gear (in addition to your official Ponsonby Primary Colour Run Carnival T-Shirt, of course!)



Stalls at the Colour Run Carnival

There will be many fantastic stalls on offer at the Colour Run Carnival. Please see below the list of stalls that will be at the event.

- Mr Rama's Chops
- American Hot Dogs
- PPS Dairy: Popcorn, ice creams, lolly bags & Vibe drinks
- Catroux Salads
- Sweets & Treats
- Chocolate Wheel
- Crystal stall
- Raffle stall
- Christmas Decorations
- Kids Market Stall
- Face Painting
- PPS Merch Stall collab with Sonnie
- Lorna Jane - womens activewear
- Year 5 Carnival stalls

Thank you so much for all of your support! We look forward to seeing you there!

Sanjay, Morgan & Arran

KIDS RAFFLE

- Lego Voucher \$500
- 2 x Micro Sprite Scooters
- Element Star Wars Skateboard
- Tech Deck
- Young Guns Skate School Voucher \$30
- Metallic Stunt Destroyer - remote control car
- Ponsonby Rugby Club 2025 membership fees for 1 player and a boots bag, rugby ball, rugby players shirt, polo and shorts
- Sonnies' voucher
- Vans voucher
- Lavie Tennis Academy 2 day pass



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ADULT RAFFLE

Andiamo Voucher - \$500
Samsung Phone
1 night stay for 2 at Movenpick Hotel
Auckland, including breakfast
Harris Tapper Voucher - \$300
3 x 2 Litre Boxes of Muse Wine Co
The Skinbar Voucher - \$500
2 x Servilles cut and colour \$300 value each
Davines hair pack \$600 value

HARRIS TAPPER



SERVILLES

FAMILY RAFFLE

- 2 night stay on Great Barrier Island - Medlands Beachfront family bach - sleeps 5
- Inflatable SUP paddle board
- 1 years supply of Ecoroll toilet paper for 1 family, valued at \$600
- Bunnings gardening pack
- Waitomo Top Cave family experience - 2 adults & 3 children
- 4 tickets to Tim Bray's The Santa Claus
- 4 tickets to Auckland FC Opening Game
- 4 Premier Courtside tickets to any NZ Breakers regular session home game 2025



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SOUND BATH

SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2-3 PM
PONSONBY PRIMARY WELLNESS ROOM



Come and bathe in the beautiful healing frequencies of sound. Luna & the Aura Club's reiki infused sound bath offers the ultimate relaxation. Sound healing is used to strengthen immunity, reduce stress, anxiety & physical pain, restore emotional balance, improve sleep & enhance creativity. Using an array of magical instruments including crystal singing bowls, gong, guitar, shamanic drums & chimes all tuned to the healing frequencies of the universe. 

\$35 PER PERSON

Included in our offering is a 1 hour sound bath followed by a delicious and hydrating herbal tea. No experience is required. Ages 15 years +

TO SECURE YOUR PLACE EMAIL

lunaandtheauraclub@gmail.com

Lorna Jane Stall - Colour Run Carnival

Lorna Jane will be having a stall at our Colour Run Carnival. For one day only, you can enjoy 25% off full-price Lorna Jane activewear. There will also be a fantastic Lorna Jane raffle on the day. You can purchase tickets to enter the raffle at the stall. All proceeds from the raffle will go to Ponsonby Primary School.

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**Ponsonby Primary School's new music school 2025:
Years 3 - 6 Enrolments are now open! Please see information below.**



Avalon

MUSIC SCHOOL

MUSIC LESSONS AT PONSONBY PRIMARY

From 2025 Avalon Music School will be conducting music lessons at Ponsonby Primary School. Please see below how you can enrol your child in music lessons.

Background

With over 25 years of guitar teaching experience Ben Jurisich is an established music teacher and professional guitarist. As well as teaching Ben is a consummate live performer who has opened for artists such as Bryan Ferry, Jeff Beck and Eric Clapton.



AMS at Ponsonby

Lessons will be conducted by Ben Jurisich on a weekly basis every Thursday of the school term. Lessons will commence from approximately 8:00 am and finish around 4:00 pm. The lessons will run alongside the students weekly Thursday Programme for students in years 3 - 6.

Lesson Offerings

Avalon Music School offers one-on-one and group lessons in the following instruments: guitar, bass, ukulele, drums, keyboard and voice. There will also be an opportunity for students to audition for the school rock band. Lessons are tailored to meet the students individual needs, this allows for more freedom and flexibility in the learning process.



Lesson Prices

Students in years 3 – 6

Individual lessons:

\$25 per 20 minutes

Paired lessons:

\$20 per student for 30 minutes

Group lessons: (3 or more students)

\$15 per student for 30 minutes

Our Vision

Our vision at Avalon Music School is to inspire and nurture a lifelong love of music in our students. We believe in providing a supportive and enriching environment where creativity and talent can flourish.



Contact Us

For inquiries and bookings

Email

avalonmusicnz@gmail.com

Sonnie have partnered with PPS on some merch and there will be a stall at the Colour Run Carnival



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